

SUBJECT: RETIREMENT- MWO P.V. FERGUSON 00362-05 CISTM (LINEMAN)

1. AFTER 32 PLUS YEARS OF SERVICE MWO PHIL FERGUSON WILL RETIRE FROM THE CANADIAN ARMED FORCES ON 2 JUL 19.

2. PHIL JOINED THE CAF RESERVES ON 29 JUNE 1987 AND AFTER A SHORT STINT AS A RESERVIST, HE JOINED INTO THE REGULAR FORCE ON 21 AUGUST 1990. ONCE PROPERLY INDOCTRINATED INTO THE REGS, HE WAS POSTED TO 724 COMM SQN, GAGETOWN. WHILE POSTED TO GAGETOWN, HE WAS SENT ON HIS FIRST DEPLOYMENT TO TF GOLAN FROM 1 SEP 92 TO 3 MAR 93. IN 1996 HE WAS POSTED TO 1 CAN DIV HQ AND SIG REGT AND PROMOTED TO MCPL IN 1997. IN 2000 HE WAS PROMOTED TO SGT AND IN 2001 POSTED TO DIRECTOR GENERAL MILITARY CAREERS (MMO) WHICH WAS DWYER HILL TRAINING CENTER. IN 2003 PHIL WAS PROMOTED TO WO AND WENT FROM OTTAWA TO SHILO FOR THE NEXT THREE YEARS WHERE HE DEPLOYED TO BOSNIA (FORMER YUGOSLAVIA) FROM 23 OCT 04 TO 12 APR 05. IN 2006 HE WAS PROMOTED TO HIS CURRENT RANK AND POSTED TO HALIFAX AS THE CFJSR DET HALIFAX DET COMD. FROM 15 DEC 08 TO 31 JUL 09 HE WAS DEPLOYED TO AFGHANISTAN TO THE REGIONAL COMMAND (SOUTH) HQ. IN 2011 HE WAS SENT TO CFJSR KINGSTON WHERE HE DEPLOYED TO AFGHANISTAN FROM 15 JUN 13 TO 31 MAR 14. ADDITIONALLY HE TRAVELLED EXTENSIVELY AS THE 1 LINE SQN LCS AND THE REGT LCS ON MANY TAVS IN AND OUT OF THE COUNTRY. INCLUDING ONE OF THE LONGEST RECCES FROM CFJSR TO KUWAIT, 7 OCT TO 28 NOV 2014. IN 2015 HE WAS POSTED BACK TO HALIFAX AS THE 5 DIV LCS AND TRANSITIONED TO THE 77 LINE REGT 5 LINE SQN LCS IN 2016.

3. HIS WIFE MARLENE IS GETTING USED TO HIM BEING HOME AND LOOKS FORWARD TO MANY YEARS OF HAVING HIM CLOSE BY TO DO THE "HONEY DO LIST" THAT HE HAS MISSED OVER THE YEARS. HIS GROWN CHILDREN MATTHEW AND JANELLA WILL BENEFIT AND ENJOY THE MANY STORIES AND EXPLOITS PHIL WILL BE ABLE TO TELL. PHIL INTENDS TO ATTEND NOVA SCOTIA COMMUNITY COLLEGE TO LEARN MORE ABOUT HIS PASSION, AUTO MECHANICS, AND WORK LOCALLY IN THE FIELD.

4. A DEPART WITH DIGNITY WILL BE HELD ON 31 MAY AT 1200 HRS AT THE ROYAL CANADIAN LEGION BRANCH #093 284 RESTIGOUCHE ROAD, OROMOCTO NB. A LIGHT LUNCH OF CHILI AND BUN WILL BE SERVED WITH COFFEE AND TEA AT A COST OF \$10.00 TO INCLUDE A DONATION FOR PHIL'S RETIREMENT GIFT. IF ANYONE NOT ABLE TO ATTEND WISHES TO MAKE A DONATION, IT MAY BE SENT TO MWO BERGMAN BY E-TRANSFER TO BERGMAN.AJ@GMAIL.COM. PLEASE RSVP NO LATER THAN 27 MAY TO MWO ALEX BERGMAN EITHER BY EMAIL OR TO 902-499-4914 ON YOUR ATTENDANCE.

5. ALL CONGRATULATORY MESSAGES, FUNNY STORIES AND EAST COAST TRUTHS MAY BE SENT TO ALEXANDER.BERGMAN@FORCES.GC.CA.